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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

International Mail Rates  
Docket 1996-1629

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS REGARDING NEW DATA  
PROVIDED BY DELTA AIRLINES**

Order 2002-12-23 established retroactively adjustable interim international mail rates effective January 1, 2003, and also proposed to make those rates final from January 1 through December 31, 2003. American and United objected to that order on January 17 and January 29, 2003, respectively, stating that it appeared that Delta's data were incorrect. On January 30, 2003, Delta acknowledged that its data were indeed incorrect, and requested time to correct it and submit revised data, which it did on March 19, 2003.

In footnote (1) of that submission, Delta states that it "expects that further accounting corrections, if any, identified in the course of the more comprehensive Form 41 review [it is conducting] would have only a *de minimis* effect on mail rates."

We direct all parties to provide comments by April 8, 2003, on the new data provided by Delta Airlines, and our reliance on that data for setting final rates from January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003. If no objections are received, we will issue a final order based on Delta's revised information submitted on March 19. Comments should be sent to: U.S. Department of Transportation, PL 401, Docket Operations, 400 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590, Docket 1996-1629.<sup>1</sup>

We shall serve this notice on all persons on the service list in this docket.

By:

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Assistant Secretary for Aviation  
and International Affairs

Date: April 1, 2003

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